

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 30, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the memorial of Nathaniel Rye, of Tennessee, praying to be allowed a pension, beg leave to report:*

That the memorialist states, in his application at the Pension bureau in 1853, that he enlisted as a private in the year 1812, for five years, in the 12th regiment United States infantry; and that he was wounded in the leg and arm at the battle of Lundy's Lane; and that at the battle of Plattsburg he was wounded in the thigh by a musket ball, and was also shot in his left eye.

In his memorial to Congress he states that in an engagement with the British at Beaver Dam, on the Canada frontier, he was shot twice in the thigh, and at Lundy's Lane he had his left eye put out by the bursting of a musket, was struck in the right leg with a grape shot, and received a sabre cut in his left arm.

His statements are contradictory, and no reliance can be placed upon them; besides, had he been disabled, as he states, he would have been discharged upon "certificate for pension."

Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

